

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 785

By Briggs

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate the Hardin Valley Academy boys' cross country team, 2021 TSSAA Division I, Class AAA state champions.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly honor those Tennessee students who, through their athletic prowess, have achieved the pinnacle of success and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such group of estimable individuals is the Hardin Valley Academy boys' cross country team, which recently won the 2021 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class AAA state championship, their second consecutive title; and

WHEREAS, the members of the state champion Hardin Valley Academy boys' cross country team are Gabriel Allen, Ivan Bell, Daniel Blackston, Luke Bronkola, Sam Brophy, Branton Brunner, Connor Craig, Bryan Dooley, Matthew Gillen, Elijah Gwilliams, Jacob Harris, Garrett Hawkins, Nathan Hillis, Eamon Jackson, Kaden Keller, Isaac Legault, Carson Long, James Lyles, Rhett Mashburn, Vaughan May, Asa Mazow, Mitchell McCown, Austin Mears, Alex Rodriguez, Braden Thompson, Will Tucker, Rowen Wilkinson, and Colbi Young; and

WHEREAS, senior Kaden Keller led the team in state tournament competition, finishing third overall out of 208 runners, with a time of 15 minutes and 33.34 seconds, his personal record for the 5K course; other teammates placing in the top fifteen were seniors Nathan Hillis, who came in fourteenth, and Isaac Legault, who came in fifteenth; and

WHEREAS, rounding out the Hawks' five scorers were seniors Asa Mazow and Mitchell McCown, placing eighteenth and twenty-ninth, respectively; and

WHEREAS, this slate of exceptional athletes benefited greatly from the knowledgeable leadership, encouragement, and devotion of Head Coach Bryan Brown, who has coached his team to three state cross country championships since 2010; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship cross country season but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the Hardin Valley Academy Hawks' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for their families, their classmates, and their entire community; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the boys' cross country team of Hardin Valley Academy for serving as exemplars of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate the Hardin Valley Academy boys' cross country team on winning the 2021 TSSAA Division I, Class AAA state championship and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.